GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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CHECK ON PRE-NATAL SEX DETERMINATION
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Panel to stop sex text check Centres` appearing in the Times of India dated August 4, 2001;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to set up the panel expeditiously to prevent pre-natal sex determination tests, effectively in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a)to (d) Yes, Sir. It has been decided to set up a special cell within the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare headed by an Assistant Commissioner level officer to assist the Central Supervisory board in monitoring the reports received from State Governments and Appropriate Authorities appointed at State/district/sub-district levels.